

### Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for optimising [[the]] viscosity of edible juices and purees, of the type comprising the steps of:

[[ - ]] sorting ~~(1)~~ the a product;

[[ - ]] triturating ~~[(2)]~~ the product;

[[ - ]] heating ~~[(3)]~~ the triturated product;

[[ - ]] refining ~~[(4,5)]~~ in one or more stages, obtaining a juice or puree ~~[(9)]~~, waste ~~[(6)]~~ and fibres ~~[(8)]~~ , ~~where said refining step could also be combined with the triturating or cutting step,~~

~~characterised in that it comprises at least one of the following steps:~~

[[ - ]] feeding a part in a percentage of 5-25 % of the refined juice or puree to undergo further trituration or further heating ~~enter the triturating step or to enter the heating step;~~

[[ - ]] recirculating a part of the fibres ~~[(9)]~~ to undergo further trituration ~~enter the triturating step;~~

[[ - ]] stationing ~~[(16)]~~ the heated product ~~[[,]]~~ before said ~~the step of~~ refining ~~[[it]]~~ , said stationing having a duration of about 0-30 minutes and occurring in a tank or tube.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) A ~~[[M]]~~ method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said feeding step occurs by ~~means of~~ spraying or nebulisation.

4. - 7. (canceled)